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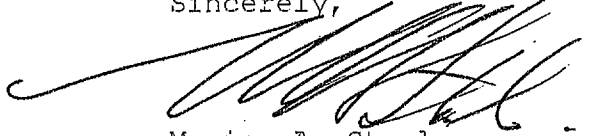
John Orr  
Chief, Atlanta Field Office  
Antitrust Division  
United States Department of Justice  
Richard B. Russell Building  
75 Spring St., SW, Suite 1176  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: United States v. Steele-Nickles & Associates, Inc.  
(N.D.Ga. 2001)

Dear Mr. Orr:

This letter constitutes my personal guarantee in the total amount of \$100,000 for payment of a fine or restitution to be imposed by the United States District Court against my company, Steele-Nickles & Associates, Inc. in connection with its guilty plea to federal bid-rigging charges.

Sincerely,



Marion A. Steele

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